# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO POOR AND NEEDY PATIENTS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the factors which determine financial assistance to the poor and needy patients by the Health Ministry;

(b) the circumstances under which the financial assistance under the said scheme could be denied;

(c) the number of applications received by the Government for financial assistance under the scheme during each of the last two years and the current year till date; and

(d) the details of grants released under the scheme during the said period?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) Factors that determine financial assistance to the poor patients under the two schemes namely;

1. Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) and 2. Health Minister's Discretionary Grants (HMDG) are:-

Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi(RAN)

(i) The patient should apply in the prescribed proforma alongwith estimates from Treating Doctor, HOD and Medical Superintendent

(ii) Below Poverty Line ration card,

(iii) Income Certificate from concerned Government revenue authorities.

(iv) Financial Assistance is provided for certain life threatening diseases such as Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery, Cancer, Urology/Nephrology, Orthopaedics, Miscellaneous Investigations, Drugs, other major illness considered appropriate for assistance by Medical Superintendent/Committee of Doctors could be added to the list.

Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG)

(i) The patient should apply in the prescribed proforma alongwith estimates from Treating Doctor and Medical Superintendent

(ii) Annual income for the family is below Rs.50,000/-

(iii) Income Certificate from concerned Government revenue authorities.

(iv) Financial Assistance is provided for certain life threatening diseases such as Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery, Cancer, Urology/Nephrology, Orthopedics, Miscellaneous Investigations, Drugs, other major illness considered appropriate for assistance by Medical Superintendent/Committee of Doctors could be added to the list.

(b) Financial Assistance is denied to the patients under the two schemes namely RAN and HMDG are :-

Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi(RAN)

(i) Government Servants (Central/State Government and PSUs Employees) are not eligible to receive financial assistance out of the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi.

(ii) Re-imbursement of expenditure already incurred is not admissible.

(iii) The sanction of grant is restricted to patients taking treatment in Govt. hospitals, no assistance is provided for treatment in private hospital.

(iv) Financial assistance is not admissible for disease of common nature where treatment is not expensive.

(v) If the patient is above poverty line .

Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG)

(i) Government Servants (Central/State Government and PSUs Employees) are not eligible to receive financial assistance out of the HMDG.

(ii) Re-imbursement of expenditure already incurred is not admissible.

(iii) The sanction of grant is restricted to patients taking treatment in Govt. hospitals, no assistance is provided for treatment in private hospital.

(iv) Financial assistance is not admissible for disease of common nature where treatment is not expensive.

(v) If the patients' annual family income is more than Rs.50,000/-.

(c) Number of applications received for financial assistance in the ministry for the last two years and current year(as on 15.8.2007) under the two schemes namely RAN and HMDG are as follow:-

| Year | RAN | HMDG | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2005-06 | 699 | 1201 | 1900 |
| 2006-07 | 797 | 990 | 1787 |
| 2007-08 (as on 15.8.2007) | 380 | 555 | 935 |

(d) Details of Grants released under the schemes RAN and HMDG.R

Rupees in Lakh

| Year | RAN | HMDG |
|---|---|---|
| 2005-06 | 249.11 | 44.34 |
| 2006-07 | 78.66 | 48.60 |
| 2007-08 up to 15/08/2007 | 31.56 | 16.00 |